

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Sunday, August 12, 2012

9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Let the River Run

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Join us for this worship service which celebrates our annual water communion service. Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will offer further reflections on the book *A Chosen Faith: Introduction to Unitarian Universalism* by Forrest Church and John Buehrens; they will cover the topics of 'Deeds not Creeds' and the "Known and Unknwn" in their remarks. Our adult choir and children's choir will join us for this worship service as they return from summer break!

Water Communion Ceremony

Remember to collect some water, a stone, or a shell for the Water Communion ceremony at services on August 12. We will pour our waters together in a big bowl in this annual ingathering service.

A farewell reception for former Congregational President Chris Clothier

Former President of this congregation, Chris Clothier, will be moving to Portland, Oregon in mid-August. We hope that all of you who have been touched by Chris' presence and leadership in our congregation will stop by Sunday, August 12th, between services in the **Library** to offer Chris their well wishes and farewell.

Potluck, Concert, and Pool Party

Everyone is invited to join us for "Splash of the Sacred" on Sunday, August 12th at Bryan Park. See Page 3 for more information.

Radical Hospitality In Action



August and September are the peak months for guests at our church. It is essential for everyone to take the time to greet newcomers and make them feel welcome. Fellowship hour is noisy and intimidating if you don't know anyone, and YOU can help guests feel at home. Wearing your name tag, take one of the new "Welcome Mugs". Please watch for faces you don't recognize or look for people standing alone, and go introduce yourself. "I don't believe that we have met before" will break the ice even if this is a long time member whom you don't know. Maybe you can invite the guest to sit with you during service. And wear your name tag! If you need a new name tag please sign up at the welcome table in the foyer. Help us welcome guests here as warmly as if they were coming to your home.

Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator



Splash of the Sacred Pool Party, Concert and Picnic, Sunday, August 12th

EVERYONE is invited to join us for "Splash of the Sacred" on Sunday, August 12th at Bryan Park for a picnic, concert with Krista Detor and our very own private pool party!

See page 3 for details

Message from MAM

I took in a painful breath when I heard about the shooting at the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, WI. As a Unitarian Universalist minister, I cherish our interfaith connections as well as the religious freedom upon which this country was built. The anguish which leads to such violence is often beyond my grasp to understand, but I know suffering runs deep. However, I am sickened that massive attacks utilizing gun violence are becoming too common place in our world. Let us not become numb to this growing epidemic in our society.

As the President of our Unitarian Universalist Association wrote in response to this tragedy, "We are a nation of many faith traditions. We join people of all faiths in praying for victims and their families. As we move forward in the weeks and months ahead, we must do more than express compassion. We must reflect on what conditions make repeated acts of deranged violence possible and take action. The killings we keep witnessing in America are symptoms of a culture that is too tolerant of hatred and too reluctant to restrict access to deadly weapons."

Breathe. Even though it may be painful at times. Breathe.

May our tears bring healing and renewed commitment to peace.

Amen, *MAM*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



MAM's Musings

A year ago at this time we broke ground for our Green Spaces Initiative in our goal to *Renew. Reinvest. Reach Out.* From the looks of things around here, we are doing just that! Again, thanks to everyone for your generosity in investing time, money and energy into making our building and grounds more welcoming, green, and sustainable. On a personal note, I would like to add that having a shower available in our building has definitely been an incentive for me to walk more often to work during these hot, humid summer months. We are still working on the overall 'shower protocol' for bicyclists and walkers who may want to use the shower, it is another small piece of so many wonderful enhancements coming through the Green Spaces Initiative. Again thanks to all.

Last month I placed a job description in my column for a Historian for our congregation. I am very pleased to announce that we have chosen Elof Carlson as our new Church Historian. He has enthusiasm and many wonderful ideas for this important work for our congregation.

This month I invite you to consider the volunteer position of Librarian for our congregation. Please send a letter of intent to me if you are interested by September 1, 2012. Here is a basic job description:

1. Monitor the overall integrity of the library system.
2. Evaluate books that are contributed for appropriate use in our collection.
3. Evaluate purchase of books within a \$200 annual budget.
4. Schedule library committee meetings which average four per year.
5. Work with staff and ministers to maintain library set up and content.
6. Communicate with the congregation regarding offerings of the library as well as borrowed books.

Speaking of books, Reverend Breeden and I are clearing some of our ministerial books off of our ministerial shelves. They will be available for purchase at the Garage Sale this week. Part of the proceeds will go to our sabbatical funds.

Peace, *MAM*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



Summer Reflections

It is hard to believe that our summer is coming to an end already. Character Kaleidoscope was a wonderful summer curriculum enjoyed by many of our youth. It was a beautiful thing to watch children and adult members of our congregation come together to investigate what makes them who they are and how that ties in with their UU identity. Some of our older children seized great opportunities to mentor and facilitate classes with our younger students.

I wanted to share with everyone some of the remarkable things they did over these past 10 weeks. Jon Peters introduced the children to meditation, Connie Nelson-Laird sculpted welcoming hearts with the children that will soon be on display, Ruellen Fessebecker shared the stories of our church quilts with the children, Daniel Reed showed the children how to make music out of ordinary things and work together to find a rhythm and Scot Hogsed and Amanda Biggs taught the children "Come Sing a Song With Me" from the UU Hymnal. Our preschoolers continued to tend to the garden tower and the tomato gardens, often harvesting and handing out the most delicious tomatoes in town to members of the church as they left.

Lily Rushlow conceived and executed an amazing recycled Kaleidoscope project with the children which allowed older children to use tools to assemble the structure while younger children helped to decorate it. This wonderful idea was shared with the congregation in the Children's moment and will soon be on display at our church for a few weeks before going on display at Lotus. Thank you to all of the volunteers who shared their time and talents with our children this summer! I hope that you all have enjoyed the summer and all of the REwarding experiences here at UU as much as I have. I am looking forward to Sunday, August 12th to hear about the many adventures and experiences that our youth have encountered over the summer months!

-Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education

Fall Religious Education Registration is underway!

Please take a moment to register your child for Religious Education for the Fall. You may do this by visiting the church website or filling out a registration form on Sunday. You can follow the written instructions on page 5 of the Prologue. We have also made a helpful video with step by step instructions in real time which will explain how to register your child, sign up to volunteer and make payment. Simply visit the video at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRU39RkXGLk&feature=youtu.be>

Potluck, Concert, and Pool Party – Sunday, August 12

EVERYONE is invited to join us for "Splash of the Sacred" on Sunday, August 12th at Bryan Park.



1. We will host a pot luck at Woodlawn Shelter from 4:30-6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and table service.
2. We will enjoy the wonderful music of Krista Detor on the Henderson end of the park from 6:30-8:00pm. Bring a blanket!
3. We will end our Sunday celebration with a private pool party at Bryan Park Pool from 7:30-8:30pm. Lifeguards will be on duty; parents must accompany and supervise their children.

This is a great opportunity for newcomers and guests to meet members of our congregation! We hope you will join us in the splashtacular all-congregational, intergenerational celebration at 1, 2 or all 3 events!



Our Folks...

Our healing thoughts are with Rob Hongen who is home recovering from back surgery. Cards are welcome.

If you would like us to include an item of a pastoral nature (weddings, births, illnesses, condolences, special achievements, etc.) in your life in an issue of The Prologue, please send the info to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org by 10:00 a.m. on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month.



Water Communion Ceremony, Sunday, August 12

Remember to collect some water, a stone, or a shell for the Water Communion ceremony on Sunday, August 12. We will pour our waters together in a big bowl in this annual ingathering service. The children will also have a Water Ceremony in Religious Education, on this first day of fall Religious Education classes. (We won't be drinking the water, of course!) For history on this uniquely Unitarian Universalist celebration, go here:

<http://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/174532.shtml>

Fill a jar for the Bazaar!

Relish, chutney, chow-chow, salsa, pickles, preserves sweet and savory...

Think of all the possibilities! And when you're thinking—and canning—think of the Gourmet Galaxy and fill a jar for the Bazaar! Got questions? Call Julie Lawson, 335-1856.

Help Wanted! At the Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar

The 54th annual UU Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place this year on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. Your Bazaar Committee would love to have you join us in making it happen. We promise hard work -- well, not that hard -- fun and adventure, a chance to meet lots of people, and to raise a bunch of money for the congregation we all love. Various opportunities are available. Partner with a Committee veteran and learn the ropes. We meet once in September, once in October, and twice in November, dates to be announced. Meetings are short and sweet. Questions? Ask Julie - juliakarin.i8@gmail.com - or anyone already on the committee you might know.

Chalice Circles Small Group Ministry Starts Up Again in the Fall

Chalice Circles, the program of small group ministry in our congregation, has concluded its sixth year. The focus of each Chalice Circle meeting is a topic that serves as a springboard into reflection on deeper issues of who we are and what gives our lives meaning. At the core of each session is deep listening. Questions are posed and each person responds in turn. The other participants provide the speaker with rapt attention. They don't ask questions; they don't give advice – they listen deeply. Chalice Circles will begin again in the fall. Watch for our announcements, letters, and Sign-Up Sunday in late August. For more information contact Alan Backler, 340-1323 or at abackler@aol.com

Brown County Chalice Circle: Several UU members and friends have expressed an interest in holding a Chalice Circle in Brown County but we need a few more. If you are interested, please contact David or Carolyn Emmert at davidjemmert@sbglobal.net, or phone 812-988-6873.



Exploring UU Class Meets Sunday, September 9 & Sunday, September 16

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Whether you are considering membership or are just curious, this class is for you. The Exploring UU Class will be held on Sunday, September 9 and Sunday, September 16 from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by September 2nd at the welcome table in the foyer, or by emailing office@uubloomington.org. Free child care is provided. For more information contact Judy Bennett, memcoord@uubloomington.org



Fun & Friendship at Young Adult Lunches -- 2nd and 4th Sundays

All young adults (18-35 years) are invited to nourish body, mind, and spirit at Young Adult Lunches, held on the 2th and 4th Sunday of each month. Meet us outside of the sanctuary after the 11:15 am service. As a group we'll pick a restaurant and then head out. Please email Shari at uucampus@uubloomington.org if you have questions, ideas, or would like to get more involved with activities for young adults. Next lunch is August 12th.



UU Men's Group Upcoming Meetings

August 21, Sept 11. Contact Russ Boulding for meeting locations, jrb-eeh@bluemarble.net



Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternate Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternate Sundays at 12:45 p.m.

This group is an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, and the nature of the universe. *Next meeting is August 19, and the topic is The emotional basis of religion*. The discussion will be led by Wade Altevogt. The August 19 meeting will be held in the Fuchs Library here in our building.



Join Earth Kin for a Pagan Picnic and Blue Moon Ritual

The Blue moon is the 2nd full moon of the month, we will celebrate and honor this special time with ritual & festivities.

When: Saturday August 25th, 3pm to dark

Where: 1400 W. RCA Park Drive (off of Rockport Rd and Countryside Ln), Bloomington, IN
The RCA Park has a large pavilion with electricity & grills, large fields for play, & walking trails in the woods.

What to bring: Food to share, soft drinks, charcoal, games, frisbees, hula hoops, corn hole, and other lawn games, board games, ritual garb, pagan music, divination tools, folding chairs, insect repellent, musical instruments, an open mind and spirit. Earth Kin will furnish paper products

Who: Friends & family and children are welcome; pets need to be on leashes.
The park is wheel chair accessible.



Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, August 19th, between the services at 10:30am in room 207B. (Please note: We ask for participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the membership book.)

To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, Aug. 15th.

Register for Religious Education or Access your Pledge Records Online

Did you know that you may check the balances in your own pledge records or register for children's or adult religious education classes online? Here's how:

Click on this: <https://www.churchdb.com/churchdb/Login.asp?iOrgzKey=49>

Click Retrieve Password-- it will be sent to your email (you only need to do this once)

After you receive your username and password in your email,

Log in with your username and password;

You are now on your Member page, with a list of choices:

- ❖ Click "Education/Class Registration" and follow the onscreen instructions to register for classes and pay your Religious Education fees, if any.
- ❖ Click "Stewardship", "Treasure", then "details" or "View Pledges" to see your contribution info
- ❖ Click "Directory" to get contact info for anyone in our congregation.

Questions, contact Erica at office@uubloomington.org or 812-332-3695.

Immense Gratitude

Thank you to Erin Hollinden and everyone who helped make the Ramadan Iftaar dinner another success! Thanks also to Ann Robins for the wonderful flowers which added to the beauty of the evening!

Please help us Replace our Lost Books

We have over 150 books which have been lost from the Fuchs Library in the last 15 years or so, as the folks who checked them out have been unable to return them. Please see the list of Lost Books on the bulletin board. If you would like to help us replace these books by donating a copy from your own library or by making a small donation, please contact the office at office@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695 and let us know. The Library Committee would especially like to replace the volumes listed below.

Fuchs Library Books Listed as Among the Missing, July 2012

The Library Committee has cited the following lost books as a high priority to replace.

Challenge of a Liberal Faith, by George Marshall

The Feminine Face of God, by Sherry Anderson

Hinduism, by Louis Renou, ed.

Hunted Heretic: the Life and Death of Michael Servetus by Roland H. Bainton

Jesus, Buddha, the Parallel Sayings, by Marcus Borg

Jesus Interrupted, by Bart D. Ehrman

The Little Prince, by Antoine de Saint Exupery

Meditation, by Eknath Easwaran

On Being a Unitarian, by Austin Philip Hewitt

The Power of Myth, by Joseph Campbell

Prayers of the Cosmos, by Neil Douglas-Klotz

Quantum Healing, by Deepak Chopra

The Road Less Traveled, by Scott M. Peck

Scientific Values and Civic Virtue, by Noretta Koertge

Secrets of the Universe, by Scott Russell Sanders

The Spiritual Emerson, by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Theodore Parker, by Henry Commager

The Unitarians and the Universalists, by David Robinson

Why I Am A Unitarian Universalist, by Jack Mendelsohn

Writing From the Center, by Scott Russell Sanders

Attendance and Offering

We have 470 certified members, as of 2/1/2012. Current membership is 489.

Sun, July 22, 9:15: 86; 11:15: 165; RE: 55 Total: 306

Sun, July 29, 9:15: 128; 11:15: 161; RE: 59 Total: 348

Sun, August 5, 9:15: 103; 11:15: 159; RE: NA Total: 262

7/22 non-pledge offering: \$459; 7/29 non-pledge offering: \$720

Total donated to VIPS: \$295

On June 3, 2012, our members voted to donate 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Visually Impaired Preschool Services - Bloomington through June 30, 2013. VIPS-Bloomington is the only agency in Indiana providing early intervention for visually impaired infants and toddlers within a 60-mile radius of Bloomington. For info in VIPS, visit <http://www.vips.org>

Grocery Card Sales: July 22 \$1050, income to UUCB: \$50.50; July 29 \$2725, income to UUCB: \$136.25.

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, August 20; deadline for articles 10:00 a.m. Please send articles regarding congregational activities and events to admin@uubloomington.org The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions. Dates of the next few issues: Aug 20, Sept 4, Sept 17, Oct 1, Oct 15. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.

Smile and Say CHEESE!

Through the month of September we will be adding photographs of our members and friends to our online database. Our goal will be to have as many as possible by September 30. As our wonderful congregation grows this will be a particularly useful tool which will only be accessible to staff, members and friends with database usernames and passwords (not available to the public!). You may add your photograph in one of the following three ways:

1. **Have your photo taken after service** on a Sunday morning in September or on Wed. Sept. 5 or Wed. Sept. 12 2-3pm outside of Room 207b (Room 201 on Sept. 30) by one of our administrative staff members. Be sure to sign in!
2. **Email your photograph** -that meets the requirements listed below- to office@uubloomington.org
3. **Upload your own photograph** -that meets the requirements listed below- to the database by logging onto the database with your username and password
 - a. Click the link on the left that says Family Info, Then Click on More under "Membership"
 - b. Click Manage Photos under "More Membership Functions for [Your] Family"
 - c. Beside "Select a Family Member" use the drop down menu to select the individual whose picture you will be uploading
 - d. At the bottom click the "Browse" button to find the file of your photograph and click the Upload button.

Requirements for uploading/emailing your own photo: Photographs should show only the head and shoulders of the individual and the face must be clearly visible in a small thumbnail sized version of the photograph (think Facebook profile picture thumbnail size). The picture should be saved in .jpg format and should be less than 50kb in file size. Image dimensions should be no more than 72 pixels by 108 pixels.

If you have your photo taken after a Sunday service, please be sure to clearly print your name on our sign in sheet. Our staff will be available immediately after service, from 10:15am until 11:00am and 12:15pm until 1:15pm and it will be first come, first served. In order to move through as many people as we can, we will only be taking one shot (unless your eyes are closed) so practice your smiles beforehand!

If you are wondering **when would be the best day to have your photo taken**, we suggest using the alphabetical guide below to help moderate the traffic flow. This is optional, of course.

Last name starts with:

A-C _____	September 2
D-Ha _____	September 9
He-L _____	September 16
M-Re _____	September 23
Ri-Z _____	September 30

We ask that **parents sign permission forms for their children** to have their photographs taken and uploaded into the database. This may be done while children are in Sunday RE classes. Again, none of these photographs will be available to the public, but will only be accessible with a congregation-approved username and password! Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces!

Family to Family Education Program

Laura Jesseph, Janet James and Cathy Korinek, National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) trained volunteer family members will be teaching the upcoming Family to Family class -- a national education program designed to inform and help family members and friends of those with mental illness. Class and materials are free, but space is limited.

When: Tuesdays, August 21 - November 13, 2012, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, In the church library

Contact: Janet, (812) 345 3294 or jjames@indiana.edu; Laura, (812) 333 0341 or ljesseph@aol.com

What does the course include?

- Current information about schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder (manic depression), panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, borderline personality disorder, and co-occurring brain disorders and addictive disorders
- Up-to-date information about medications, side effects, and strategies for medication adherence
- Current research related to the biology of brain disorders and the evidence-based, most effective treatments to promote recovery
- Gaining empathy by understanding the subjective, lived experience of a person with mental illness
- Learning in special workshops for problem solving, listening, and communication techniques
- Acquiring strategies for handling crises and relapse
- Focusing on care for the caregiver: coping with worry, stress, and emotional overload
- Guidance on locating appropriate supports and services within the community
- Information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

Upcoming Monroe County CASA training

The next CASA training will be here soon! Anyone who is interested or who may be thinking about becoming a CASA can find more information at <http://www.monroecountycasa.org/>. The next training is scheduled for September 24-October 29. Classes will meet Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm-8:30pm. The application deadline is September 10th. Get in touch at (812) 333-2272 or info@monroecountycasa.org, or visit the office at 201 N. Morton Street, Bloomington.

Blue Sky Back concert w/special guest Jacob Latham

Benefit Concert for the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

When: Friday, August 24, 8:30pm

Where: Max's Place, 108 W. 6th St., **Info:** 336-5169

\$5 minimum donation, kids 12 and under free

Green Burials - Topic of August Green Drinks Bloomington

Green Drinks Bloomington is a lively, informal social networking event for people from all walks of life who are interested in making a greener world. On Wednesday, August 22 at 6 pm, Carol Seaman, co-founder, past president and volunteer with the Funeral Consumer's Alliance of Bloomington, will provide a presentation entitled "Ten Things You Should Know to Understand Green Burial". Simple, direct burial, without the trappings (such as embalming, metal caskets, vaults, pesticides on the grass, permanent monuments) is less environmentally damaging than conventional send-offs. But what is "green burial" and what can be arranged locally? Find out at Green Drinks.

Green Drinks Bloomington is held the 4th Wednesday of every month from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Banquet Facility of the Upland Brewing Company. There's a \$5 suggested donation, some food will be provided. To receive a monthly reminder, write greendrinksbloomington@gmail.com. To learn more about Green Drinks visit www.greendrinks.org.



Adult Religious Education Prospectus Fall 2012

Register for Adult Religious Education classes on Sundays starting August 19, by emailing office@uubloomington.org, by calling 812-332-3695, or by logging on to our database and registering online, if you are a member of the congregation. (See The Prologue newsletter for instructions on logging on.) **Childcare for Adult Religious**

Education classes may be possible if at least two (2) families need it for a given event, and if they request it by two weeks in advance of the first class meeting. Request childcare directly by email to Adrienne Summerlot, dre@uubloomington.org, or leave Adrienne a message at 812-332-3695. All classes are free unless there are materials expenses noted by the instructors.

Spirituality

Aging and Spirituality

Barb Backler and Bob Taylor, bstaylor1@comcast.com

Monthly, third Tuesdays, beginning September 18, 10AM-12noon in the Library

Students will discuss their reading from texts blending Aging with Spirituality, and will be encouraged to bring literature from their own search. Discussions may easily range beyond intellectual considerations. The class may become a stimulus and support circle for sharing about aging as members in the second half of life tend to turn psychologically inward. Topics may include: embracing change, caring for the world, and the meaning of suffering. Thought-provoking questions and exercises will be woven into meetings.

Required text: *Aging as a Spiritual Practice: A Contemplative Guide to Growing Older and Wiser*, by Lewis Richmond. (New and used copies are available on Amazon.com). Participants are asked to read the first five chapters before the first meeting.

Introduction to the Urantia Book

Dana Bredemeyer danabredemeyer@gmail.com

6 sessions, Alternate Sundays, beginning September 16, 12:45-2:15PM in Room 210

The Urantia Book, published in 1955, presents many new and thought-provoking ideas about God, spirituality, cosmology, planetary history, and Jesus. We will briefly introduce some of these ideas at this first meeting. Depending on the level of interest, we will schedule a multi-session or ongoing group. Instructor will provide several copies of the book and handouts.

Attuning to the Sufi Path (Ongoing, new members welcome)

Sara Steffey and Sharon Parsons sharonparsons@yahoo.com

Third Thursdays, first class September 20, 7-8:30PM in the Library

Attuning to the Sufi Path is a 6 week introduction to meditation. Classes will be lead by Nur Allah Sharon Parsons and Quan Yin Sara Steffey McQueen. The curriculum is designed for beginners as well as serious practitioners. Topics of the class include, "Healing", "The Path of the Heart", "Turning Within", and "Initiation". Everyone is welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. (Facebook page MONTHLY SUFI CLASS AT UNITARIAN CHURCH IN BLOOMINGTON)

Breathing Life and Spirit

Chris Haynes, chaynes@indiana.edu

Sunday, November 18, 2-4PM in Room 210

This workshop explores how breath affects our body, mind, and spirit. Several breathing exercises are presented that promote health and spiritual growth. Techniques include those recommended by holistic-health author Dr. Andrew Weil to almost all of his patients.

Sacred Texts

The Bible(s) Back Down to Earth: Going Backstage to Visit the Ancient Worlds That Produced the Sacred Scriptures of the West

Bruce Woll bwoll@yahoo.com

5 Thursdays: September 27, October 11 & 25, November 5 & 15, 7-8:30PM in Room 210 (except for November 15 in Room 207b)

“On December 3, 1872, the Bible forever lost its immemorial prerogative of being ‘the oldest book known,’ ‘a book unlike others,’ ‘the book dictated, written by God Himself.’” Behind that pronouncement were recently discovered writings on clay tablets dug up from the sands of the Near East. Those discoveries, the Dead Sea Scrolls found in the 1940s and 50s, and hundreds of other writings and artifacts uncovered by archaeologists, together with changes in historical scholarship recognizing the perspectives of women, minorities, non-confessional and non-Western scholars, have produced a dramatically different picture of the writings and collections that make up our Western scriptures. The purpose of this series of talks is to draw a 21st century picture of the bible in a way that makes sense to anyone interested in what human histories have to tell us about ourselves, and, more importantly, to acknowledge the moral ambiguity of the Biblical writings, a legacy of evil as well as good.

Sharing Our Gifts

The Creative Soul of Richard Wagner (Ongoing, new members welcome)

Velda Kaune vkaune@hotmail.com

6 bi-weekly sessions: Mondays, August 27, September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22, and November 5, 6:45-8:15PM in Room 210

An ongoing seminar Jungian analysis of one of the world’s most artistic geniuses, as manifest in his major operatic works. Emphasis will be on his libretti (the texts translated into English) with relevant information extracted from literary, Biographical, and historical sources. Musical demonstration: e.g. “leitmotiv” and other thematic material via keyboard and CDs. The fall session will begin with “Tristan and Isolde” and end with “The Meistersinger of Nuremberg. New participants are welcome.

World Beliefs

Humanist Forum (Ongoing, new members welcome)

Harold Ogren, ogren@indiana.edu

Alternate Sundays, August 19 and continuing, 12:45-1:45PM in Fellowship Hall

The forum explores human growth and the transcendent without supernaturalism. Our discussion topics include issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, evolution, the nature of the universe, love, the capacities of the brain, free will, the latest scientific research and discoveries, and other topics of mutual interest. We welcome humanists, agnostics, atheists, freethinkers, religious naturalists, interested theists, and anyone who wishes to attend.

UU History

Long Strange Trip: 2000 Years of Unitarian Universalist History

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden, office@uubloomington.org

3 Sundays: September 9, October 28, and November 25, 2:30-5PM in Fellowship Hall

This film series class is based on the Unitarian Universalist Association’s three part historical review of Unitarian Universalism. Class will include viewing of the DVD and discussion. Part I, entitled *In The Beginning*, covers the years 0 A.D. to 1553 A.D.. Part II, entitled *The Birth of Unitarianism*, covers years 1553 to 1794. And Part III, entitled *American Unitarianism*, covers 1620 to 1860. To conclude this third session, Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will attempt to sum up the last 140 years of history within 15 minutes through music and interpretive dance.

Relationships

NAMI Family to Family

Laura Jesseph, ljesseph@aol.com

13 Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday, August 21, 7-9:30PM in the Library

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education program is a free, 12 study course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illnesses. The course is taught by trained family members and will cover current information about the most common major mental illnesses, medications and their possible side effects, treatments for recovery and research. It also teaches strategies for coping with many of the challenges that arise. See page 8 for more detailed information.

Social Justice

Food Forum: Food, Ethics and Sustainability

Jana Pereau, janaPereau@gmail.com

Wednesdays, October 10 in Fellowship Hall and November 14 in room 207b

Or September 26 and October 24 in Fellowship Hall with Chris Haynes, 7-9PM

This course is part of the Green Sanctuary Task Force's year-long emphasis on food and its relationship to local and global sustainability, to our health, and to social justice issues in our community and beyond. We will engage in a series of discussions based on the group's personal experiences and on readings from the Northwest Earth Institute. You might be interested in: "The Indignity of Industrial Tomatoes," or "Feeding the World: It's Not About Quantity," or "Brain Food for Kids," or "The Lowdown on Topsoil" or "A Better Fish Farm" and dozens of others. Required text: "Hungry for Change". Consult with the instructor to obtain it. This forum will continue in January.

The Prologue

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Monday, August 6, 2012

Return Service Requested



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8/8/2012	2:00 PM	RE and Children's Task Force	8/15/2012	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors
8/8/2012	6:30 PM	Intuitive Exploration	8/17/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
8/10/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	8/17/2012	1:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
8/10/2012	1:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	8/17/2012	2:00 PM	Staff Training - Hands Only CPR and AED
8/10/2012	6:00 PM	Drum Circle - Earth Kin	8/18/2012	2:00 PM	Memorial Service for Cookie Lynch
8/11/2012	8:00 AM	UU Summer Garage Sale	8/19/2012	10:15 AM	Intl Outreach Bake Sale Fundraiser
8/11/2012	10:00 AM	RE Teacher Orientation and Planning	8/19/2012	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing
8/12/2012	10:15 AM	Reception for Chris Clothier	8/19/2012	12:45 PM	Humanist Forum
8/12/2012	12:30 PM	Parent Talk	8/20/2012	10:00 AM	Deadline for The Prologue
8/12/2012	4:30 PM	Splash of the Sacred	8/20/2012	5:30 PM	Caring Committee Meeting
8/14/2012	10:00 AM	Women's Alliance Board Meeting	8/21/2012	6:00 PM	RE Class: Natl. Alliance on Mental Illness
8/15/2012	6:00 PM	Leadership Cultivation Committee			Family to Family Education

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